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CITY ATTORNEY LAUNCHES INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISUSE OF UNION FUNDS

The San Diego City Attorney's Office today launched a criminal investigation into allegations that Municipal Employees Association (MEA) President Judie Italiano misappropriated funds from the MEA. The allegations relate to an MEA Union credit card that was provided to Ms. Italiano and that was used by her to make thousands of dollars in purchases from casinos, shopping sprees, vacations and restaurants. The matter has been referred to the Public Integrity Unit in the Criminal Division of the City Attorney's Office. Overseeing the investigation will be Chris Morris, head of the Criminal Division, and Kim Urie, head of the Public Integrity Unit.

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